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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION

REF : STATE 235117

1. AS INSTRUCTED, EMBOFF MADE REPRESENTATION TO EXTAFF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTING DIRECTOR OBEBE SEPTEMBER 29. AIDE-MEMOIRE STRESSING POINTS A AND D OF PARA 7 REFTEL LEFT WITH MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

2. OBEBE PROMISED TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO NIGERIAN DELEGATES TO NAIROBI CONFERENCE (COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED). HE SAID HE THOUGHT FMG COULD SUPPORT EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION BUT THAT DECISION ON MATTER HAD NOT BEEN MADE. HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT FINAL JUDGEMENT WOULD COME AFTER DELEGATION HAD TESTED WATER AT NAIROBI. NIGERIANS, HE SAID, LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING MATTER WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING ISRAELIS. SPEAKING GENERALLY, OBEBE INDICATED THAT WHILE NIGERIA HAS PROBLEMS WITH ISRAEL OVER ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB LANDS, FMG POLICY IS TO RESOLVE EACH MATTER INVOLVING TEL AVIV ON PRAGMATIC, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

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3. COMMENT: OBEBE'S RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE WAS GUARDED.

PRESUMABLY, NIGERIAN DELEGATION WILL ASCERTAIN STRENGTH OF ARAB
AND GENERAL NON-ALIGNED SENTIMENT ON ISSUE IN NAIROBI BEFORE
DECIDING WHICH WAY TO JUMP.
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